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Jawad probes Iraqi, Jordanian landscapes

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

ONE WOULD not expect to see anything very new in Iraqi-born artist Bassem Sheikh Jawad's exhibition of paintings now on show at the Holiday Inn, which follows hot on the heels of his last exhibition, held only six months ago at the same venue.

Before seeing this, his third solo show in Jordan, the most one would hope for after so short a period of time, would be the gradual development of the ideas and techniques the artist had been concerned with -- which in this case had been mostly decorative work carried out on large scraps of untreated leather.

Therefore it comes as some surprise -- and relief -- to see that this decorative work has been almost entirely abandoned by the artist, and in its place are a series of watercolours which examine the relationship between the varying types of Jordanian and Iraqi landscapes. They may not be the best paintings of their kind, but they represent at least an attempt by the artist to express a vision that he obviously carries around with him wherever he goes, and as such they represent a more sincere and valid kind of art.

It is the swampy verdant beauty of the Iraqi marshes that never leaves Mr. Jawad -- that much is not difficult to see. What is more difficult to identify however, is whether the repetition of the same compositional formula -- that of the pleasingly horizontal, where the broad stretch of water is cut off from the equally broad stretch of faintly washed sky by a band of trees which hide, at some point amidst their thick foliage, all but the small green dome of a tiny mosque -- is because the artist finds that it "works", or whether Mr. Jawad is obsessed with painting the same kind of scene in all its nuances of different light and

shade until the inspiration it exerts has been exhausted. One would only think of, or suspect the former because of the artist's previous decorative work. But, on talking to Mr. Jawad, one feels it is, in fact, the latter.

Nevertheless, despite assurances to the contrary, these landscapes give the impression that they are imaginary, an impression that is reinforced by the obvious reality of "Petra". This watercolour holds one's attention not only because of the strength of the dark blue early morning sky, but

also because one feels that the artist has really seen the mystery of the tall square Nabataean tombs and the barren shrubby land that surrounds them. The other watercolours -- although attractive -- have a romantic stylised unreal feel about them, which fails to give them the same substantial presence and conviction.

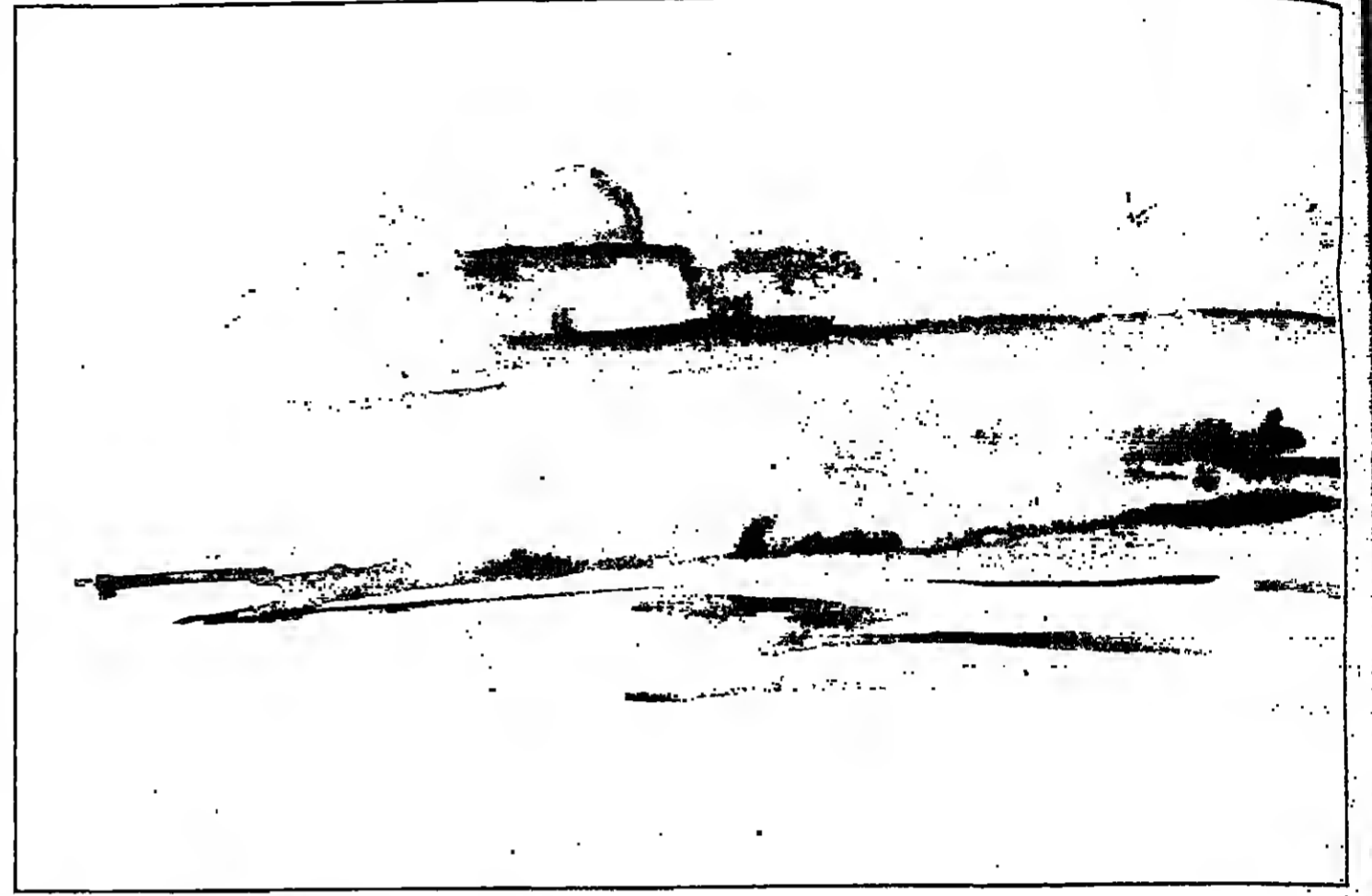
Mr. Jawad has used the medium of watercolour often to good effect. The skies -- sometimes a rusty brown reflecting the earth, sometimes a more daring Virginia creeper red or soft pink -- are

applied in thick brushstrokes which leave much of the white of the paper visible. This emphasises the light and gives a certain spontaneity, while a blurring or smudging the colours produces well the watery reflections of the tree-lined bank. But the artist must take care with this technique as it can make one feel that the smudging is a mistake in the application of the medium.

The series of very small watercolours play with a similar sort of theme -- tiny houses and mos-

ques that dominate the flat landscape or mingle with the trees in the same soft but good colours. Where the artist has adhered to the one medium, these small paintings are attractive, but where he has outlined or drawn the mosque and houses with felt-tip colours, they become deliberate, heavy and overworked in the washes and hues that surround them.

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Watercolour landscape by Bassem Sheikh Jawad (detail)

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Bucharest mayor sees down Prince, Qasem

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — Visiting Bucharest Mayor Gheorghe yesterday called on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, whom he exchanged views on Jordanian-Romanian economic relations.

The Prince and the mayor emphasised the need to bolster bilateral and economic cooperation between the two countries. Puna and his delegation were received also by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem. Discussion during the meeting centred on East developments and Israel's aggressive policies through world peace. Also discussed was Israel's recent decision to occupy the Syrian Golan Heights, in violation of United Nations resolutions and the U.N. Charter.

A dinner banquet given by Mayor Isam Ajlouni in honour of the Prince and his delegation, it was announced that one of the main capital's streets will bear the name of Amman, and one of its streets will be named after Bucharest.

Puna and his delegation today visited the ancient city of Petra.

Aramico board discusses mining projects, budget

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Arab Mining Company's board of directors yesterday opened meeting at the company's headquarters to review progress in projects carried out by Aramico in Arab countries.

The board's participation in mining projects in Tunisia, North Yemen and Morocco will also be discussed by the board, along with Aramico's budget.

The board are delegates from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and Libya.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Scientific municipalities to be rewarded

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — A ceremony will be held here tomorrow to distribute prizes to municipalities excelling in offering services in 1980, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The total value of these prizes amounts to JD 50,000, according to Al Ra'i newspaper. It said that the ceremony, to be held at the government's girls school in Amman, will also receive collections of books and libraries.

Alarm project gets JD 7,000

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Jordan-French Insurance Company has made a JD 7,000 donation to the Civil Defence Directorate to help it carry out its planned rapid notice alarm system, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by Director of Civil Defence Maj. Gen. Khaled Al Tarazi, who said that the project will help reduce the damage to factories and business companies in the Amman area in the event of a fire by enabling five trucks to get to the scene quickly. Maj. Tarazi, who voiced his appreciation for the donation, had a tender for the implementation of the project will be held in February of 1982.

Yarmouk gets big phone system

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — A new electronic telephone exchange system installed at Yarmouk University. It has 1,500 internal lines, 40 direct lines to Irbid and one direct line to Amman. The JD 140,000 project took two months to complete.

Arab League chief in London for talks

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Director General of Civil Aviation Ghazi Rakan left for London on Tuesday to hold talks with British civil aviation authorities on amending a 1979 memorandum of understanding between the two countries. The talks are expected to centre on increasing the number of flights to Amman by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. Sharif Ghazi is assisted by the director of air transport and Alia representatives.

Development loans approved

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils has approved a JD 35,000 loan to the municipal council of Irjan in Ajloun District. The loan will be used to finance the construction of roads in the town. The bank also approved a JD 29,000 loan to the town of Saham in the Bani Hani district. The money will be used for the purchase of a piece of land to construct a school and its playground. Meanwhile, the Cooperative Organisation has approved a JD 15,000 loan to the Difiyaneh cooperative society. The money will finance the use of farming equipment.

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West German Ambassador Hermann Munz (left) and Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin sign an agreement Thursday for German technical assistance to Jordan (Petra photo)

Bonn signs for 2 aid projects

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — West Germany will help Jordan prevent soil erosion and increase its cereal production, in accordance with two agreements signed at the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday.

Under the first agreement, West Germany will dispatch equipment and a team of experts to Jordan to help the ministry carry out projects in the Zarqa River basin aimed at stopping soil erosion. The area where the project will be implemented is estimated to be 820,000 dunams.

The other agreement provides for aid to the ministry in a three-year programme for improving cereal production. West German experts and equipment will be sent to Jordan for this purpose.

The two agreements were signed by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

Contracts signed for housing projects in Ma'an and Jerash

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Housing Corporation yesterday signed contracts with a Chinese and a local contracting firm for the construction of housing units in Ma'an and Jerash, respectively.

The Ma'an project, in which 426 housing units will be built, is expected to cost JD 3,235 million, and will be completed in 22 months. The units will be distributed to employees of the Ma'an-Aqaba railway corporation, the Jordan Electricity Authority and the glass factory, all situated in the Ma'an area.

The project entails the construction of 71 buildings, each consisting of six flats. Each unit will have an area between 73 and 136 square metres.

The Jerash project entails the construction of 60 housing units at the cost of JD 503,815. The project, to be completed in 18 months, will benefit civil servants

in Jerash, who will be housed in buildings of six flats each.

The two contracts were signed by Housing Corporation Director Hamdallah Nabulsi and representatives of the two firms.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with a slight decrease in temperature and westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	6	14
Aqaba	10	23
Deserts	5	17
Jordan Valley	12	22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 16, Aqaba 24. Humidity readings: Amman 48 per cent, Aqaba 33 per cent.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian Painters," at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- * Paintings by Bassem Sheikh Jawad, at the Holiday Inn.
- * Paintings, entitled "Desert", by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.
- * An exhibition of Koranic calligraphy and illumination at the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) in Umm Uthaina (Sixth Circle, Jabal Amman).

Film

- * The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Dernier Saut," a film in colour (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.

ACOR lecture

- * The American Centre of Oriental Research presents "The Year 3000 B.C.," a lecture by Dr. Linda Jacobs, at 6:30 p.m.

British Council Christmas party

- * For members and British Council students only, at 8 p.m. Tickets: JD 1.5 each.

Dialogue held on education plans

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan yesterday participated in an open dialogue on education in Jordan held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office here.

Planning human resources development in Jordan should be consistent with demand and supply needs in the Arab countries, Prince Hassan told an audience of senior educationalists. He said that Jordan is continually supplying Arab states with skilled and qualified manpower, and this should be taken into consideration in drafting a pan-Arab work strategy in the Arab Development Decade.

Education planning, he said, should go hand-in-hand with plans for developing science and technology. He voiced the hope that scientific and technological requirements would be provided for in the new five-year plan for education.

Addressing the audience, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal referred to his ministry's plans to develop the educational process in Jordan, including the organisation of community colleges. The Ministry of Education has created a department of educational technology with the purpose of helping in

the process of educational development, Dr. Tal said. The ministry is now, he said, preparing to launch special television and radio stations to beam educational programmes to students, and will operate a special centre for producing educational material on video cassettes.

During the meeting, directors of education departments in Jordan spoke out, calling for a re-consideration of the teaching profession in Jordan and of the necessity of improving teachers' conditions. They also proposed that municipal and village councils bear part of the cost of school construction and the education of their communities' children.

Another proposal by the participants called for Jordanian universities to recognise diplomas awarded by community colleges, so that their graduates can pursue their education at these universities.

Participants in the meeting saw two documentary films, one about the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories and another dealing with the achievements of Jordan's development projects.

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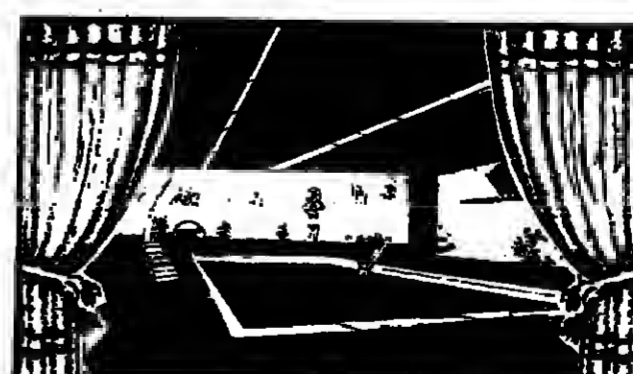


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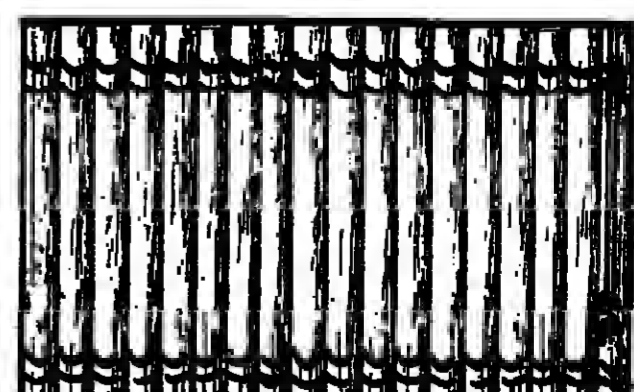
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Internal differences do not hamper PLO's campaign for recognition

By Jeremy Clift

PALESTINIAN LEADER Yasser Arafat is pressing ahead with a diplomatic campaign to win wider recognition for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) but internally the movement is deeply divided.

Mr. Arafat, the 52 year-old former engineer who has held the eight separate movements together within the PLO for the past 12 years, is making his first official trip to a member state of the European Economic Community (EEC).

He flew to Greece, the Common Market's newest member, Monday following the election victory of socialist leader Andreas Papandreu. PLO officials regard the visit to Athens as another step towards achieving greater diplomatic recognition in the West.

Mr. Arafat's journey follows his autumn visits to China, Japan, Vietnam, North Korea and the Soviet Union. He also made contact with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky during a visit to Abu Dhabi this month.

The diplomatic campaign by Mr. Arafat underlines the fact that the Palestinians are the most imp-

ortant element in the Middle East equation, despite the refusal of the United States to recognise or talk to the PLO.

The campaign, designed to counter allegations by Israel and some Americans that the PLO is a "terrorist" group, aimed at hammering home international acknowledgement of the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians.

It was in Moscow that Mr. Arafat registered his main diplomatic success this year when President Leonid Brezhnev announced the Soviet Union's decision to give formal diplomatic status to the PLO office in Moscow.

Palestinian leaders hailed the Soviet move as a turning point in Middle East politics similar to the diplomatic breakthrough achieved in 1974 when the PLO was granted observer status at the United Nations General Assembly.

But despite some diplomatic successes, differences between Palestinian factions appear to have sharpened.

Officials in Mr. Arafat's mainstream Fatah organisation charge that breakaway leader Sabri Al Banna, also known as Abu Nidal, was responsible for the de-

ath of several Palestinian representatives abroad, including the PLO representative in Brussels, Naim Khader, who was gunned down last June.

Differences within the PLO were also spotlighted by the Palestinian response to Saudi Arabia's peace plan for the Middle East which caused the postponement of last month's Arab summit meeting at Fez in Morocco.

The conference was indefinitely adjourned after just five hours of discussion because several key heads of state, including Syrian president Hafez Al Assad, failed to attend.

Mr. Arafat expressed reservations about the plan, but also said it was a good starting point for developing a joint Arab strategy for a Middle East settlement.

The eight-point Saudi peace formula called for the creation of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territory.

But the plan's implicit recognition of the state of Israel met with the hostility of some Arab states who want to recover the whole of Palestine rather than settle for a West Bank state.

In separate statements to Reuters, several Palestinian groups charged that the Saudis were helping the Americans by presenting their plan following the impasse over the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, a PLO Executive Committee member and representative of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), described it as a plan designed to promote Saudi leadership in the Arab region.

Mahmoud Labadi, spokesman for the foreign relations department of the PLO, played down the idea that Mr. Arafat had gone out on a limb by giving a fairly favourable reception to the Saudi proposals.

"The chairman expressed some reservations about it," Mr. Labadi said. "He would have preferred it to have been discussed at the summit, but to approve it is another question."

He pointed out the plan still lay on the table and could be revived by the Saudis. "Nobody really knows how things will go now. The Fahd plan has met a backlash, but it is not dead", he stated.

Palestinian sources said that Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad),

second-in-command to Mr. Arafat of PLO forces, was considering an invitation to visit Saudi Arabia to discuss how to proceed following the Morocco summit and the unfavourable reaction of some Palestinian groups to the plan.

But however things develop on the diplomatic front, Palestinian officials emphasise they will continue with plans to build up their forces in South Lebanon and strengthen activities in territory occupied by Israel.

The PLO spokesman in Damascus, Abdel Mohsen Abu Maizer, told Reuters the resistance movement would "continue our struggle by all military and political means against the Zionist enemy".

Palestinian sources said new weapons had been delivered to the commandos in South Lebanon to make up for losses incurred during last summer's cross border exchanges with Israel after Israeli air force bombed Beirut killing more than 400 civilians.

Maputo, Lisbon bury the hatchet

By Rodney Pinder

MOZAMBIQUE, ONE of Africa's poorest nations, and Portugal, one of Europe's, have put aside the antagonisms of their former servant-master relationship and are trying to work together for their mutual benefit.

The leaders of both countries, once colonial battlefield enemies, see ways in which they can help each other from a morass of underdevelopment and build a more prosperous future.

Mozambique is still struggling with ignorance and poverty and other afflictions of underdevelopment, and has turned to the industrialised world for aid. But Portugal, an obvious source of help because of the two countries' common language and experience, has been a closed door for most of the past six years.

Disputes over assets and liabilities left behind by Portuguese banks and businesses from relations between Lisbon and Maputo until 1980 when Portugal dropped all claims for compensation. Slowly, aid contracts were signed, mostly providing for completion of buildings left unfinished at independence, help with hotel management and for publishing.

The Bank of Portugal, the central bank, extended an export credit to Mozambique of \$125 million and Portuguese workers began to trickle in to swell the Portuguese population here to an estimated 20,000 - still a tenth of that in 1974.

Mozambique is trying to tackle its illiteracy problem by educating 100,000 adults a year to read and write. Portugal could provide enough teachers for the struggling programme, Mozambican officials said.

Portuguese doctors and other medical staff are also desperately needed but the training of skilled personnel is seen by officials as the key to Mozambique's future.

Mozambique has a wealth of mineral riches and its 2,500 kilometre shoreline has potentially excellent ports which could ship raw materials, and those of its landlocked neighbours, to the industrial world.

It has abundant reserves of coal estimated at a minimum of 1.5 billion tonnes - plus iron, asbestos, bauxite, copper and natural gas.

But it lacks the skills to get the riches out of the ground and to its ports. Western diplomats said Portugal sees itself as a provider of these skills, welding a partnership that could be a model for north-south cooperation.

Really, Ron.....

WHAT IS THE connection between American policy in the Middle East and the tough words that President Reagan had to say about the Polish situation? The connection is that the adoption of hypocritical double standards and non-credible exceptions for Israel have put the United States in a position where its words are hollow and its official representatives at home and abroad are gradually running out of people who can take them seriously.

President Reagan certainly cannot expect the world to take him seriously when he speaks out so vehemently against martial law, repression and denial of human rights in Poland while his government has just approved a foreign aid bill that turns over some \$3 billion to finance occupation, repression and denial of human rights by Israel. Precisely whom does Mr. Reagan think he is kidding? The world was not born the day that Afghanistan was invaded, and nor does it sit up and bark simply because the United States is angry about events in Poland. The American leadership has to face up to the fact that it cannot sustain its role as a world power with any kind of credibility if it is going to condemn Soviet repression and totalitarianism while the United States is financing Israeli repression and totalitarianism in the occupied territories. Why does American aid to Poland require freedom for the people there to solve their own problems, while American aid to Israel ignores the large catalogue of Israeli repression against Palestinians? Can Mr. Reagan please tell us why this is?

We share the desire of the Polish people to be free and to solve their problems amongst themselves. We subscribe to the principles of liberty and human dignity that are the basis of American law and government. But we are not as mean spirited and contradictory as American leaders who fight repression in Poland and Afghanistan but finance it in Palestine.

Really, Ron, this is too much to swallow. Please try again.

West Germany no longer haven for 'guest workers'

By Paul Taylor

WHEN THE MILLIONTH immigrant worker arrived to boost West Germany's soaring economy in 1964, welcoming officials shook his hand and gave him a free moped. Today there is talk of offering those who followed his example a lump sum of money to go home.

The number of foreigners has swelled to 4.5 million out of West Germany's population of 60 million and despite official attempts to stop them, they are still flooding in.

With unemployment rising towards two million, officials detect an alarming growth in racism against an immigrant community living largely in big-city ghettos.

"Foreigners out", once the demand of a tiny fringe of right-wing extremists, is now a common slogan daubed on walls from Hamburg to Munich.

The Bonn government slammed on the emergency brakes this month, asking state governments to take immediate measures to check the influx of immigrants' relatives.

In the 1960s "guest workers", as they used to be called, came mainly from Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain and Portugal.

More recently they have poured

in from Turkey and other Islamic states. The 1.5 million Turks are now by far the biggest immigrant group here.

'Be German or leave'

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt says he is concerned that too few immigrants are prepared to integrate into West German society.

Government spokesman Kurt Becker said Bonn wants to stop foreigners entering the country who are unwilling or unable to assimilate - those not prepared to take West German citizenship or unable to pick up the language and culture.

Unlike the large immigrant communities in Britain or the United States, West Germany's "guest workers" are predominantly foreign citizens with no indefinite right to live in this country.

Both state and society seem to assume it is up to the immigrants to adapt to Germany rather than Germany adapting to them.

The cabinet last week urged state governments to lower from 18 to 16 the maximum age at which dependants of non-Common market immigrants can enter the country.

Dependants with one parent living outside the country should not be admitted and non-EEC for-

eigners should be joined by their spouses only if they have lived at least eight years in West Germany and have been married a year.

State governments hastened to introduce the new rules and some conservative regions took even tougher measures. West Berlin issued a decree which could force thousands of unemployed foreigners over 18 who arrived as dependants to leave the city. But the edict was suspended after it aroused mass liberal protests.

W. Berlin and Frankfurt

West Berlin has some of Germany's worst social problems. Ten per cent of its 2.2 million residents are foreigners, half of them Turks, and Mayor Richard von Weizsacker worries about it losing its "German identity".

The situation is even more acute in Frankfurt, the gateway for arriving immigrants, where foreigners make up 25 per cent of the population. Mayor Walter Wallmann says the proportion of immigrants in some inner-city neighbourhoods is almost 75 per cent.

In a resolution to be put to parliament this month, Bonn's left-liberal coalition parties say a key aim of housing policy must be to prevent such concentrations of

foreigners.

The government stresses it has no plans to send home any immigrant who has a legitimate right to live here.

But conservative officials such as Baden-Wuerttemberg State Premier Lothar Spaeth have suggested that West Germany consider offering foreigners "material incentives" to go home.

Mr. Spaeth said in a newspaper interview this month they should be offered a "return premium" equivalent to a year's unemployment benefit plus their pension payments.

Different guises to get in

Experts at the Bonn labour ministry say that despite a 1973 ban on new "guest workers", thousands of foreigners have entered the country through marriages of convenience, abuse of liberal political asylum procedures or by giving false personal details.

In 1980 alone, 108,000 people came to seek asylum in West Germany. The vast majority were not genuine victims of political persecution but simply economic

refugees, officials say.

Since the government tightened up the rules, making visas compulsory for Turks, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans and forcing asylum-seekers to wait two years for a work permit, the number of applicants this year has dropped to 44,000.

Officials are hard put to stop another practice involving Turks: under Turkish law, people can have their official date of birth changed once in their lifetime.

The trick, which might never have come to light if some Turkish families had not applied for child benefits twice for the same children, means relatives barred on age from coming here can simply have their official age lowered.

Immigrant leaders fear the new government measures could tend to legitimise racial prejudice among West Germans.

"They brought us here in the fat years to do the jobs which Germans would not do," said a Turkish community leader in Cologne. "But now that lots of Germans are out of work, they are blaming it on the guest workers".

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Arabs, Unite

AL RA'I: Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights is not the first serious challenge to the Arabs and certainly won't be the last. Reading throughout Israeli newspapers one can see Israel's appetite for acquiring more Arab territory in future annexations.

While the Arabs are busily confronting this challenge through the U.N. Security Council as they did on previous occasions, Israel's U.N. ambassador announced in the most arrogant manner that U.N. condemnations do not mean anything to his government, and that the Council would never impose any sanctions on Israel.

Such statements ought to be taken seriously by the Arab states which should realise that confronting the Zionist enemy requires a joint Arab action based on a new reality - that of intrinsic Arab force.

It should be emphasised beyond doubt that the Arabs alone can deter Israel from further acts of aggression and they alone can regain their usurped rights once they overcome their internal differences and sidestep their squabbles - matters that have so far been encouraging Israel to pursue its aggressive policies.

Arab leaders have no other alternative but to strengthen their solidarity and realise that their only hope lies in their unity and cooperation, and in their true and responsible handling of their duty and the destiny of their nation.

Let's talk some more

AL DUSTOUR: Syria's call for an urgent meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers to discuss Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights confirms beyond doubt our firm belief that there is no alternative to joint Arab action in the face of the enemy's challenges.

It also underlines the fact that no Arab country can act alone independently from other Arab countries which can offer her support and assistance under such circumstances.

We support the call for a foreign ministers' meeting out of the conviction that Israel's recent move constitutes a most serious challenge to the Arab nation's pride - something too big for Syria to handle alone.

Jordan firmly believes that any act of aggression against an Arab country is considered an aggression on the whole Arab nation and, therefore, must be met with a joint Arab action. However, Syria's call prompts us to wonder whether such Arab meetings, called only in times of danger, were meant only to issue condemnations and take no practical action.

Arab states have been in the habit of returning to their traditional differences and divisions once they are through with such meetings and their zeal for confronting dangers has been damped. We wonder what the Arab states can do with their present differences and divisions. What can the Arabs do in the event of an Israeli military action against Syria, something which cannot be ruled out? Can the Arabs in the absence of military and political coordination offer any effective help to Syria?

In trying to find answers to such questions, we sadly recall the stand of certain Arab states whose policy was designed to wreck Arab solidarity and to block all attempts to cleanse the Arab atmosphere. Such Arab attitudes have so far brought disasters and defeat to the Arab nation. The ferocity of the Zionist onslaught and Israel's expansionist moves make it incumbent on the Arab leaders to re-examine their position and adopt a strong strategy in peace and war. Their first and foremost action should be to bury their differences once and for all, and then to sit down to discuss means of confronting the Zionist challenges that represent a threat to the entire Arab nation.

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Applications for documents must be accompanied in Amman by a non-refundable fee of JD 60, or in U.K. by a non-returnable fee of £100.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

Tenders are to be prepared in English, and must be completed in duplicate. The "Master" Tender is to be returned to Kennedy & Donkin, Consulting Engineers; the "Copy" Tender to be returned to JEPCO in Amman.

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SPORTS

Ramtha crowned League champions

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Ramtha Football Club were crowned League champions today at the end of a friendly match against Faisally Football Club.

The match was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who presented the League Trophy and medals to Ramtha.

Faisally won today's game 2-1 but this result had no effect on the Premier Division standings. Faisally were runners-up in the division and were presented with silver medals.

Lloyd demands better team effort

PERTH, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd today cracked the whip demanding a better effort from his players for tomorrow's important Benson and Hedges Cup match against Pakistan at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here.

"We have come to the point where we have to turn the corner," said Lloyd after a strenuous

three-hour practice session. Lloyd who had earlier organised an early morning run for his team, said that the situation was not yet desperate.

"But we must start to play a bit better, or else we could find ourselves in plenty of trouble," he said.

The West Indies, winners of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competition against Australia and England in Australia two seasons ago, and favourites for this summer's series, have made a poor start.

The West Indies have played three qualifying games and have lost to Australia in Sydney and to Pakistan in Adelaide after beating Pakistan in Melbourne.

Complaints over court-side microphones

SYDNEY, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The future of court-side microphones at tennis matches is likely to be investigated after the furor during the Nastase's controversial singles match in the New South Wales (NSW) Open at White City on Wednesday.

Channel Seven, televising the match, was inundated by callers Australia-wide complaining about obscene language during the match.

At one stage linesman Phil Schachter stormed up to the match umpire Colin Haldenby complaining of Nastase's alleged offensive language after a botched point.

Unknown to the pair, Schachter's complaint, featuring the offending words, resounded through the airwaves via a nearby microphone to television viewers throughout the country.

Asked his reaction to the news that Channel Seven had received a multitude of complaints regarding obscene language, Nastase told pressmen: "Well, they shouldn't watch me. If they don't like to watch me they should change the channel or do something else."

Coe, Ovett to battle over 3000m in July

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — World record holders Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett will have their long-awaited battle over 3,000 metres in a four-nation athletics international in London next July.

Andy Norman, England team manager for the Commonwealth

Games next year in Brisbane, said today the pair would race each other in a meeting against Kenya, Spain and Japan at Crystal Palace in July 17.

Coe, 25, holds the world records for 800 metres, 1,000 metres, and the mile while Ovett, who is a

year older, has the world record for 1,500 metres.

Ironically, Ovett beat Coe over 800 metres to win the 1980 Olympic gold medal, but Coe defeated Ovett to take the 1,500 metres title. They met only once before then, at the 1978 European Championships in Prague, where East German Olaf Beyer beat them both over 800 metres, and have not clashed since.

Despite their record-breaking achievements of this year, during which they shattered the world mile mark three times, there was speculation that the pair were avoiding each other.

But Norman, a close friend of Ovett's, said today it had not needed much persuasion to bring them together. "I suppose all the speculation by the media had a lot to do with it. I think they were both getting a little fed up with it," he said.

Norman also dismissed as pure speculation a newspaper report today that the pair would also meet over 800 metres and the mile at meets in Cologne and the United States next summer.

"There is no agreement, and they will definitely not meet in Cologne because the date clashes with another engagement. There is only one meeting at this point," he said.

It is also regarded as more difficult to set up a head-to-head race between them over 800 or 1,500 metres, which Coe and Ovett regard respectively as their specialties. There is less prestige to be lost in a race over another distance.

Intriguingly at Crystal Palace, there is a possibility the two will have to confront Kenyan Henry Rono, who holds the world record for 3,000 metres.

Future of MCG for test cricket in doubt

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has warned it could bypass the controversial Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for tests next (southern) summer.

The warning came after a meeting of the ACB executive at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here today.

ACB chairman Phil Ridings said in a statement the board was satisfied the Melbourne pitch was not up to first-class standard.

The board confirmed that the first test between Australia and West Indies starting on Boxing Day would go ahead at the MCG.

But it warned that all big cricket could be taken off the ground next summer unless the wicket is improved.

England makes a six-test tour of Australia next summer with New Zealand the third team in the World Series Cup one-day competition.

After today's meeting, attended

by Australian captain Greg Chappell, one of the most vocal critics of the MCG wicket, Mr. Ridings said: "We are satisfied that, though improvements have been made to centre wicket levels this season, the pitch is not yet up to the standard required for first-class cricket."

"The board appreciates that the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) is undertaking a great deal of work designed to effect further improvements.

"We are hopeful that the pitch for the test against the West Indies will reflect the benefit of these efforts and be satisfactory."

"Should substantial improvements not be evident, the board will immediately seek from the MCC acceptable plans for re-development of the MCG pitch area."

Alternatively, the board intends not scheduling cricket at the MCG next season.

The MCG pitches have been heavily criticised in the last few seasons.

Chappell has said the MCG pitch on which Australia lost the third cricket test against Pakistan by an innings and 82 runs last Tuesday was jeopardising the careers of young Australian players.

Nice to bid for Olympics

NICE, France, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The French Riviera city of Nice has decided to pose its candidacy for both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games of 1992. Mayor Jacques Medecin announced yesterday.

He said the city had already been in contact with the International Olympic Committee, which he said was "very interested."

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
1981 by Chicago Tribune

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ J64
♥ AJ63
♦ Q52
♣ AQ3

WEST
♠ K1092
♥ 87
♦ J1094
♣ 872

EAST
♠ A83
♥ 4
♦ AK763
♣ J654

SOUTH
♠ Q75
♥ KQ10952
♦ 8
♣ K109

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

Some card combinations are hardly discussed in the textbooks. That is because you have to rely on bluff rather than technique in handling them. Here's a case.

North-South arrived at four hearts after a straightforward auction. South gave full value to his fit for partner's club suit when he chose to jump to game.

West led the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen and won by the ace. East continued with the king, and declarer ruffed. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and was now faced with the prospect of holding his spade losers to two if he was going to make his game.

Those prospects were not

bright. The fact that East did not shift to the king of spades at trick two, combined with the fact that West had not raised his partner's overall or led a high spade, suggested that the spade honors were split. The only legitimate way for declarer to limit his losers in the suit to two is to find a defender with a doubleton spade honor and to guess which defender that is. For example, suppose that East had one fewer card in spades. Declarer leads a low spade to his queen, forcing out West's king. Next time he leads the suit, declarer plays low from dummy and East must win the ace "on air," establishing dummy's jack.

But declarer was aware that the chances of a 5-2 spade distribution were against the odds, especially since either defender had tried for a ruff in the suit. He decided that he had a better chance relying on the human element. So he led the jack of spades from dummy, as if he were flopping! East played low and West won the king. Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation, crossed to dummy with a high club and led another spade toward his queen, thus establishing the lady as his tooth trick.

We will leave it up to the readers to decide whether East should be charged, but we will permit a peek at our crime sheet: East should have realized that the defenders would probably need three spade tricks to defeat the contract. Is there any holding where, if declarer has the king, the defenders can score enough tricks in the suit?

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WORLD

Polish security forces flush out resistance

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (R) — Poland's new military rulers made it clear today that they will continue to enforce martial law, despite violent opposition, until order is restored throughout the country.

A commentary by the official Polish news agency PAP said that clashes between troops and workers on Wednesday, in which seven people were killed and hundreds were wounded, could have been avoided.

In its first report on the incidents, the agency blamed unidentified provocateurs for the violence at a mine in Katowice and in the Baltic port of Gdansk.

But it said: "The authorities will not retreat, for they have nowhere to retreat to... provocations no longer have any future. Socialism will not be overthrown."

The radio said the demonstrations of the past few days, "two of which ended tragically," had been coldly-calculated attempts to plunge Poland into chaos.

In a separate report, the radio said Communist activists were volunteering to join soldiers and militia patrolling the streets of Warsaw.

The radio said later a few thousand civilian volunteers, styled "self-defence groups" and wearing armbands in Poland's white-and-red national colours, were

already patrolling the capital alongside police and soldiers.

Their duty was to help keep order, but they were unarmed, the radio said.

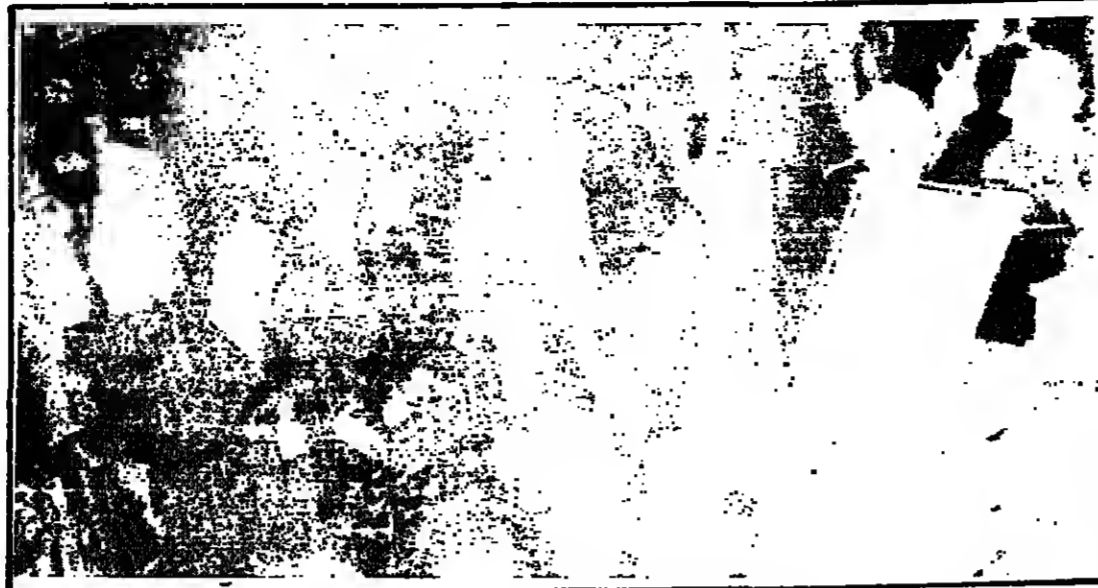
As the martial law authorities reaffirmed their hard line against opposition, there were fresh reports of resistance from Katowice in the Silesian coal-mining region of southern Poland.

A traveller who arrived in Austria from Katowice today said security forces had stormed at least two mines near the city yesterday.

The man, who asked not to be identified, said he saw tanks coming from the Staszic mine, where miners were later reported to have resumed work. He had also been told that people had been wounded when security forces took over the Kostuchna mine.

But the traveller said miners were still occupying the Piast and Ziemowit collieries in Tychy, 15 kilometres outside Katowice, when he left the city by train last night.

The worst violence since martial law was imposed last Sunday was reported from the Wujek mine at Katowice. Warsaw radio and PAP



Polish passengers stranded in France since Sunday's imposition of martial law in Poland await aircraft for Warsaw at Orly Airport in Paris (A.P. Wirephoto)

said seven workers were killed and 39 were injured when security forces opened fire after being attacked by strikers on Wednesday.

The other major incident was at Gdansk, where 164 civilians and 160 members of the security forces were reported injured.

Other travellers reported grim scenes of stolid resistance to the martial law authorities elsewhere in Poland.

A law student told reporters he had attended a strike committee meeting on Wednesday at a Krakow petroleum company.

"There were about 200 people meeting outside in the back yard, shuffling their feet against the cold and keeping an eye out for the militia," he said.

"It was very grim, matter of fact, matter of obligation. When the vote came, 200 voted in favour of a strike, four voted against."

Reports reaching Western embassies in Bonn today spoke of escalating violence in several areas of Poland.

They said several thousand demonstrators were violently dispersed by police yesterday after

they had gathered at the grave of former Polish primate Cardinal Wyszynski in Warsaw.

The reports said the protesters sang the Polish national anthem and waved Polish flags, and some chanted slogans demanding the release of Solidarity free trade union leader Lech Walesa.

Poland's ambassador to Sweden confirmed yesterday that Mr. Walesa was under house arrest. Travellers have reported seeing Solidarity posters claiming that 46,000 people have been detained since the military clamp-down.

Solidarity sources in London said today that if correct, the figure suggested that more or less all of the union's 40,000 full-time workers have been arrested.

Apart from running Solidarity's labour affairs, they had been responsible for workers' welfare, pri-

ning leaflets and posters and distributing food and drugs.

The West German Navy meanwhile reported that Polish warships have sealed off the country's Baltic coast in an apparent attempt to prevent an exodus of refugees.

Despite emergency aid from the West, it was clear that the crisis was aggravating food shortages in Polish cities. Warsaw Radio said today that shops in the capital could not cope with the demand for bread and potatoes, because of hoarding.

In Brussels, Belgian government officials said that emergency food, medical and clothing supplies were apparently getting through to Poland from Belgium despite the country's isolation from the West.

Officials of the European Common Market, which has agreed aid packages worth \$60 million over the past year, were not sure whether cheap food available under the programme was being delivered in Warsaw.

Defence pulls surprise move in Swiss trial of Armenian

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The trial of an alleged Armenian terrorist, charged with slaying a Turkish consular employee here last spring, was recessed shortly after its opening as the defence, in a surprise move, claimed it can produce evidence that he is only 17 and thus would have to be tried by a juvenile court.

Mardiros Jamkodjian, a self-avowed member of the clandestine Armenian Secret Liberation Army (ASALA), is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of Mehmet Yergoz last June in midtown Geneva.

Conviction by a regular court would carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. For youths under the age of 18, the maximum penalty under the Swiss criminal code is ten years commitment to a juvenile institution.

Jamkodjian, in a pre-trial hearing, had given his age as 25, although all observers agreed he looked younger.

Jamkodjian's arrest gave rise to the elusive "June 9th Organisation," which has taken credit for setting off seven timebombs in four Swiss cities. The explosions injured 37 persons, one fatally.

In addition, the group's bombs have caused minor damage at Swiss targets in Tehran, Copenhagen and Los Angeles.

The anti-Swiss extremists, who have demanded the release of the Lebanese-born Jamkodjian, are believed to be linked to the Marxist-leaning ASALA.

ASALA, devoted to avenging what it says was the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians by Turks early this century, is believed by law enforcement officials to be the largest of four clandestine Armenian movements which have claimed responsibility for slaying 17 Turkish diplomats and their relatives since 1975.

Jamkodjian, who has acknowledged ASALA affiliation, is the third suspected Armenian commando tried in Geneva this year.

Given suspended prison terms in separate trials last winter were Ara Yenikomishian, 26, and Suzy Mahseredjian, 25, of Canoga Park, Calif. They were injured in a premature bomb blast Oct. 3, 1980.

His Swiss defence counsel, Gerald Benoit, was joined by Patrick Devdjian, a Paris lawyer of Armenian descent. In a pre-trial interview with the Lausanne newspaper "Tribune-Le Matin" Devdjian was quoted as saying that the "defendant did not strike an innocent person, he has struck the executing agent of a policy designed at all levels to obscure the genocide."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

8 Thai aides resign

BANGKOK, Dec. 18 (R) — Eight members of the Thai government including Foreign Minister Siddhi Saversila resigned today to enable Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda to form a new coalition cabinet. Deputy Prime Minister Prachub Satharangkul and two ministers in the prime minister's office resigned yesterday.

Imported bandages upset Britons

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — British Health Minister Dr. Geoffrey Vaughan said today first-aid dressings imported from India were contaminated with "a variety of bacteria" and could have been in circulation in Britain for a year or more. The health ministry reported yesterday tests were being done to decide whether the dressings—commonly used in home, office and car first-aid kits—were contaminated with bacteria causing gangrene, tetanus or botulism. He said similar dressings imported into Australia two months ago were found to be infected following an investigation of gangrene. The health ministry identified the makers of the dressings as three Indian manufacturers: Jayar Exports, Basindar Weaving Industries and Joy Industries.

Dr. Richter falls into canyon

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (R) — Dr. Charles Richter, 81, the seismologist who gave his name to the scale for measuring the intensity of earthquakes, was found wandering in a daze in a canyon here after a car accident, police have said. A police spokesman said Dr. Richter's car swerved off a road in Arroyo Seco Canyon here when a tyre burst. He was unable to climb back up the canyon and wandered about for six hours in the cold until spotted by a policeman, the spokesman added. Dr. Richter was taken to a nearby hospital where he was said to be in good condition.

BBC: Poles forced into crackdown

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported last night that the Polish authorities imposed martial law after an ultimatum from the Soviet commander of the Warsaw Pact. BBC correspondent Tim Sebastian, reporting from Warsaw, said semi-official contacts had confirmed that Marshal Viktor Kulikov, commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, met Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski last Thursday and Friday. The correspondent said: "He is reported to have given him an ultimatum—if you don't do it, we will." He added that the final order for the imposition of martial law was given only 48 hours in advance.

6 bodies found in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Authorities reported finding the bodies of six unidentified young men Wednesday in San Agustín, 129 kilometres southeast of here, and in Nejapa, 32 kilometres to the north. Guerrillas blasted two towers carrying electric transmission lines, blacking out part of the capital for several hours. There was no immediate indication whether the six men had been killed by the right or the left.

CIA agent Hunt gets \$650,000

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 18 (R) — Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt was awarded \$650,000 in libel damages yesterday against a Washington-based political organisation, Liberty Lobby, Mr. Hunt, a former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), sued over an article in Liberty Lobby's weekly newspaper in 1978 headlined "CIA to nail hunt for Kennedy Killing." The defence argued that the article, written by another former CIA agent, Victor Marchetti, was not defamatory because it did not say that Mr. Hunt was actually involved in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, only that the CIA was out to frame him for purposes of its own. A federal court jury of four men and two women disagreed and awarded Mr. Hunt \$100,000 in compensatory damages and \$550,000 in punitive damages.

British torpedos create record

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The largest fixed-price contract ever awarded by Britain's defence ministry was announced Wednesday—a £500-million order for torpedos. The contract went to Marconi Space and Defence Systems Ltd., for development and initial production of a new heavyweight torpedo for the Royal Navy and for continuing work on the Stingray lightweight torpedo.

17 million infants died in '81, UNICEF says

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — Seventeen million infants died this year because no one would finance ways to save them, and a similar number would die in 1982, the United Nations said in a report today.

Every child in poor countries could be immunised against six common dangerous diseases at a cost of \$5 per head, but five million of them would die for want of this protection, it said.

James Grant, U.S. head of the U.N. Children's Fund, UNICEF, who prepared the document, said there was every reason to believe that times were getting worse, not better, for the poorest children.

Hardest hit were the poorest lands of Africa and South Asia, where three-quarters of this year's infant deaths occurred.

Mr. Grant said that average incomes in the poor countries of Africa and South Asia were unlikely to rise by more than one or two dollars a year in the 1980s.

In Africa, the effects of food shortages had been compounded by the unrelenting flow of refugees and there were now six mil-

lion displaced persons, almost half of them children.

The report described 1981 as "another year of silent emergency, of 40,000 children quietly dying each day, of 100 million children quietly going to sleep hungry at night, of 10 million children quietly becoming disabled in mind and body, of 200 million six-to-11 year-olds quietly watching other children go to school, of one-fifth of the world's people quietly struggling for life itself."

Mr. Grant said that a child's life was not priceless but was actually worth less than \$100.

"Wisely spent on each of the poorest 500 million mothers and young children in the world, such a sum could have bought improved diets and easier pregnancies, elementary education and basic health care, safer sanitation and more water," he said. "In other words, it could have brought the basics of life."

But in practice, he said, the price proved too high for the world community and so "every two seconds of 1981, a child—paid that price with its life."

West European Ariane poses serious challenge for U.S. space shuttle

PARIS, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — With a fistful of contracts in hand and two successful launches under its belt, the Western European space programme is preparing the fourth and final test flight of the Ariane satellite launcher.

It will be the last free ride before the European Space Agency (ESA) begins limited commercial operations next year and starts earning its cut of the billion-dollar space telecommunications industry.

Lift-off is currently scheduled for 0130 GMT Sunday, 24 hours after the first schedule because of a minor problem in the launcher's third stage.

Full commercial operations are set to begin sometime in 1983 when Ariane III, with a bigger payload capacity, takes over.

In June, the third test launch from ESA's jungle base at Kourou, French Guiana, sent two satellites into synchronous earth orbit, breaking a quarter-century superpower monopoly and showing that a consortium of smaller nations can compete with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

It also helped erase the impression of the disastrous second test, in which the rocket hurt into flames moments after lifting off from Kourou on May 23, 1980. ESA scientists said they traced the failure to excessive vibration in the launcher's first stage boosters and corrected the problem.

The first launch, on Christmas eve 1979, went off without a hitch. The fourth test of the three-stage Ariane, which cost \$1.2 billion to develop and build, is scheduled to launch a maritime communications satellite and a scientific capsule to measure electron density in the ionosphere.

The developers of Europe's answer to the U.S. space shuttle estimate that about 200 weather, civil communications, scientific and non-offensive military satellites will be launched in the next decade.

ESA wants 30 per cent of the market and says it already has firm orders from 15 countries for 22 satellites.

In a major breakthrough, two orders worth \$50 million were placed last week by the American firm General Telephone and Electronics Corp (GTE).

The GTE contract is the first time a U.S. company has chosen to launch a satellite through an agency other than NASA, according to Arianespace, the private European industrial group spun off from ESA to produce and market Ariane.

For the time being, the potential market is big enough for both ESA and NASA.

"In the near term, it's a sellers market," according to Richard Barnes, the Paris-based representative for NASA. "There are more payloads looking for launch spots than there are launching opportunities."

Real competition may begin by the mid-1980s when both the space shuttle and Ariane programmes are in full swing.

ESA is funded mainly by France, which picks up about 63 per cent of the tab and dominates the programme. West Germany is next with a 20 per cent contribution. Denmark, Belgium, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland all have small shares. Under the ESA charter, member countries benefit in proportion to what they put into the organisation.

Creationism set for defeat in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Dec. 18 (R) — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was confident today it had destroyed the scientific basis behind a law forcing Arkansas schools to teach that the earth was the result of supernatural creation.

The nine-day trial, which ended yesterday and now awaits a judge's ruling, was expected to set a precedent for similar laws pending in at least 16 other states and for another already passed in Louisiana.

Judge William Overton said it would probably take several days to draw up a ruling on the ACLU challenge to the law.

But after seeing their witnesses humiliated and ridiculed in the trial, the religious fundamentalists who pushed through the law had no doubt which way the judge would decide.

They laid the blame squarely and bitterly on Arkansas Attorney General Steve Clark's handling of the defence.

The far right, riding high since claiming a large role in President Reagan's election, felt sufficiently committed to the splinter cause of Creationism to intervene in the trial.

The Moral Majority, dominant force in the heavily political religious movement, accused Judge Overton of being biased and said the defence had been mishandled.

The Arkansas law says government-run schools teaching evolution as a science must also teach the Creationist theory that supernatural forces created universe about 6,000 years ago.

Teaching religion is forbidden in U.S. state schools and the defence called 11 witnesses in an attempt to establish that Creationism was a science.

The result was a parade of biblical literalists and small-college professors who were spectacularly demolished under aggressive ACLU cross-examination.

One suggested insects might have a greater collective intellect than man. Another said unidentified flying objects were the work of the devil. Two said they would under certain circumstances approve of teaching that the earth was flat.

Judge Overton, regarded in Arkansas as a liberal, kept virtually silent for six days and then broke angrily into the evidence of a defence witness, telling him he had talked for two hours and offered not one fact.

Even in Bible Belt of the deep south, the law is an embarrassment to many Arkansans and most state teachers and almost all its religious groups have joined the ACLU in seeking to kill it.

Anti-Sandinista forces form guerrilla units

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Nicaraguans opposed to the Sandinistas' revolutionary government are forming guerrilla units to oust it in a campaign much like the one that put the Sandinistas in power in 1979, an organiser for the group here says.

"Guerrilla wars are fought only one way. These methods are not the exclusive property of the Communists," said the organiser, a National Guard officer under the regime of Anastasio Somoza ousted by the Sandinistas in July of 1979.

"We are not Somocistas (haciers of Somoza), we do not want to return to the past," he said.

His organisation, the Democratic Nicaraguan Forces, was formed this summer when the 15th of September Legion and the Nicaraguan Democratic Union merged.

"You will notice one of the signers of the merger is Jose Francisco Cardinal, who was a member of the Sandinistas' advisory council. You could hardly call him a Somocista," said the organiser, who calls himself Enrique.

Iran files suit against Shah's family

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The government of Iran has filed a lawsuit here against 62 alleged associates of the family of the late Shah of Iran in an attempt to recover monies it claims amount to \$36 billion.

The suit, filed yesterday in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, claimed that the money was diverted from Iran by "family appointees and associates" of the late Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. The suit asked for a court order directing those named as defendants to account for monies they allegedly diverted from the Iranian people.

According to court papers, such disclosure of "information with respect to property and assets of the Shah" is required under terms of the United States-Iran agreement that led to the freeing of the 52 Americans who were held captive in Tehran for 444 days.

The lawsuit charges that the defendants "wrongfully diverted, misappropriated, converted, embezzled and/or received personal property and money" totalling \$36 billion from the Islamic Republic of Iran and the republic's people.

In addition to an account of what happened to the money, the suit seeks an order placing assets of the defendants in trust, and restraining them from using their assets pending an accounting of funds claimed by Iran.

Robert Armao, spokesman for the deposed Shah's widow and others named in the suit, said he would have no comment until attorneys study the suit.

Dom Mintoff sworn in for third successive term

VALLETTA, Dec. 18 (R) — Malta's ruling Labour Party leader Dom Mintoff, 65, took the oath of office today as the country's prime minister for the next five years, his third successive term.

Mr. Mintoff, in power for the past 10 years, accepted the mandate from President Anton Buttigieg despite a call by Nationalist Party leader Edward Fenech Adami not to do so since the Labour Party received fewer votes in last Saturday's general election than the Nationalists.

The president is obliged under the constitution to offer the mandate to the leader of the party which had won most seats.

Under the proportional representation system used in Malta, the Labour Party won 34 seats and the Nationalists 31.

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